

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a message sent over a network by a first user from a mobile device, the message conforming to an asynchronous messaging protocol for sending person-to-person messages between mobile devices;

identifying a specified destination telephone number of the message;

determining whether the specified destination telephone number corresponds to a predetermined telephone number;

if the specified destination telephone number corresponds to the predetermined telephone number, then

using an indicator in the message to identify network-based content ~~that has been published~~ authored by a second user, and

sending the network-based content to the first user in response to the message[[],] ~~without sending the message to an entity associated with the specified destination telephone number.~~

2. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the messaging protocol is multimedia messaging system (MMS), and the message is an MMS message.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the predetermined telephone number is a telephone number of an entity other than an end user.

5. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the predetermined telephone number is a telephone number of a network operator.

6. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the predetermined telephone number is a telephone number of a wireless carrier.

7. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the message includes a telephone number of the second user, and wherein the indicator comprises the telephone number of the second user, such that said using an indicator in the message to identify a network-based ~~resource~~ content comprises using the telephone number of the second user to identify the network-based ~~resource~~ content.

8. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the indicator comprises a cryptographic identifier of the network-based content, the method further comprising using the cryptographic identifier to identify the network-based ~~resource~~ content.

9. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the network-based ~~resource~~ content is identified based only on the cryptographic identifier.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the method is performed within an intermediary processing system that couples a wireless network to a wireline computer network.

11. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the indicator comprises a keyword.

12. (Currently amended) A method of providing access to network-based content, the method being performed in a processing system coupled to a wireless network and to a wireline computer network, the method comprising:

receiving a message sent over the wireless network by a first end user from a mobile device, the message conforming to an asynchronous messaging protocol for sending person-to-person messages between mobile devices, the message including a telephone number of a second end user;

identifying a destination telephone number to which the message is directed, wherein the destination telephone number is a telephone number of a network entity other than an end user;

determining whether the destination telephone number corresponds to a predetermined number;

if the destination telephone number corresponds to the predetermined number, then
identifying a predetermined indicator in the message,
using the telephone number of the second end user and the predetermined indicator in the message to identify network-based content ~~that has been published~~ authored by the second end user, and

sending the network-based content to the first end user.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the destination telephone number is a telephone number of a network operator.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the destination telephone number is a telephone number of a wireless carrier.

15. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the network-based ~~resource~~ content has been previously associated with the telephone number of the second end user and the predetermined indicator by the second end user.

16. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the messaging protocol is multimedia messaging system (MMS), and the message is an MMS message.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the predetermined indicator comprises a keyword.

18-53. (Cancelled).

54. (Previously presented) A method of providing a directory of published content to a user of a mobile device operating on a wireless network, the method comprising:

receiving a first message from a first mobile device via the wireless network, the first message initiated by a first user using the first mobile device, the first message conforming to an

asynchronous messaging protocol for sending person-to-person messages between mobile devices;

detecting a predetermined indicator in the first message, wherein the predetermined indicator indicates that the first message is not to be sent to a second mobile device associated with a destination telephone number of the first message but to request content published by a second user of the second mobile device; and

in response to detecting the predetermined indicator in the first message,

identifying a set of network-based content published by the second user, and

sending to the first mobile device a second message identifying the set of network-based content, as a response to the first message, the second message conforming to said protocol.

55. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 54, wherein the first message and the second message are multimedia messaging system (MMS) messages.

56. (Canceled).

57. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 54, wherein the predetermined indicator comprises a keyword.

58. (Previously presented) A processing system comprising:

a communications interface;

a processor; and

a memory storing software which, when executed by the processor, causes the processing system to execute a process that includes

receiving a first message from a mobile device via a wireless network through the communications interface, the first message conforming to an asynchronous messaging protocol for sending person-to-person messages between mobile devices, the message having a destination telephone number assigned to an end user;

detecting a predetermined indicator in the first message, wherein the predetermined indicator indicates that the first message is not to be sent to the end user but to request content associated with the end user; and

in response to detecting the predetermined indicator in the first message,
identifying network-based content published by the end user, and
sending a second message identifying network-based content to the mobile
device, as a response to the first message, the second message conforming to said protocol.

59. (Previously presented) A processing system as recited in claim 58, wherein the first message and the second message are multimedia messaging system (MMS) messages.

60. (Original) A processing system as recited in claim 58, wherein the predetermined indicator comprises a keyword.

61. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 18, wherein the predetermined indicator is an encrypted indicator.